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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
PATRICK A. C. GANE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: CHIN, P.
SERIAL NO: 10/629,547 :
FILED: JULY 30, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1731
FOR: NEW FILLER OR PIGMENT OR :
PROCESSED MINERAL FOR
PAPER, IN PARTICULAR A
PIGMENT CONTAINING
NATURAL CaCO_3 , ITS
MANUFACTURING PROCESS,
PREPARATIONS CONTAINING IT
AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.